

Partners in storytelling:

a masterclass to improve community storytelling and centre the lived experience

YHF Masterclass slides

Safe Story Telling Masterclass



En el transcurso de este taller, participantes podrían ser incluidos en cualquier proyecto para promover las actividades y logros de nuestra organización y sus afiliados". Marque la siguiente opción de inclusión o exclusión.

(si no regreso este consentimiento por esta encuesta, automáticamente doy mi consentimiento).

A. No me opongo a que mis imágenes se utilicen con fines antes mencionados B. Me gustaría que mis imágenes no se utilicen con fines antes mencionados



Confused

Intimidated

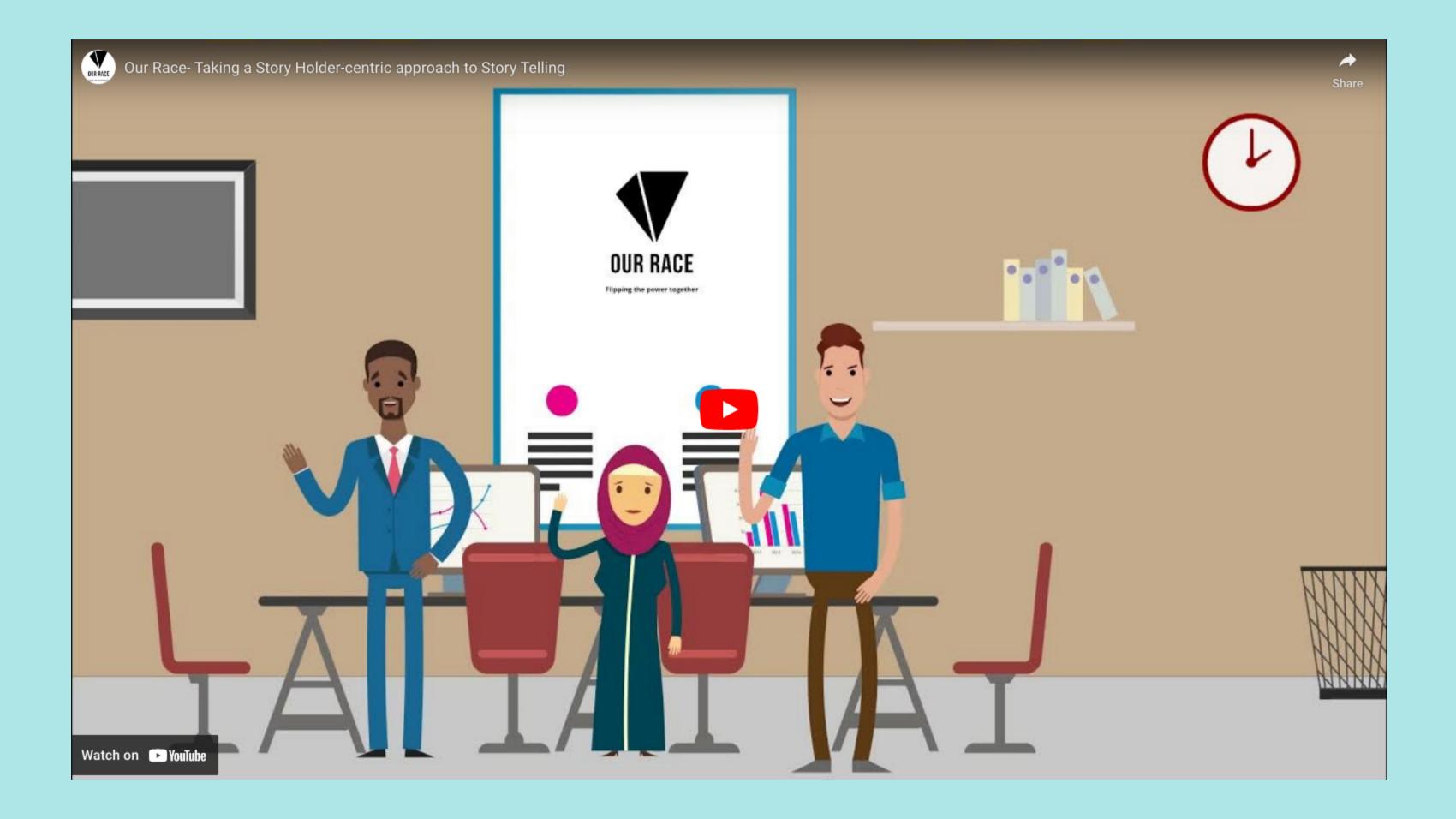
Pressured

Uncomfortable

Frustrated

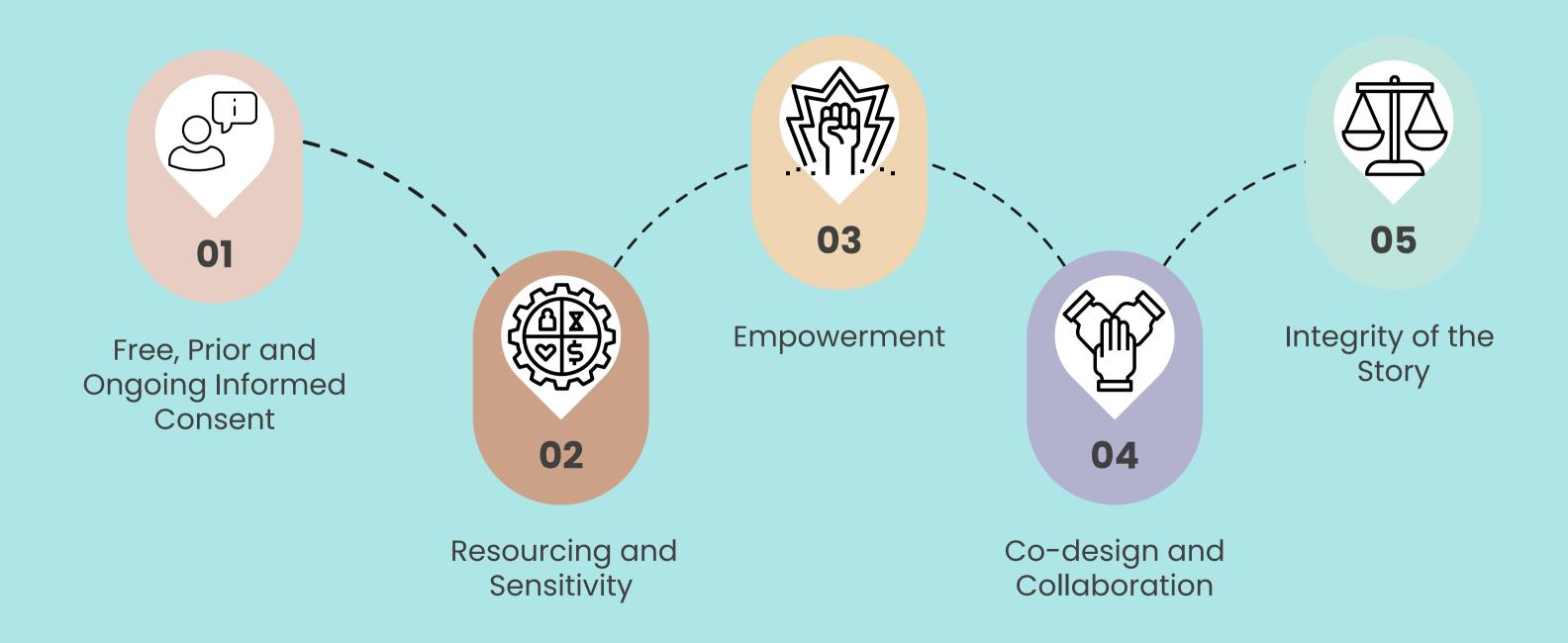
Inferior







TEST Principles





What is TEST?

do no harm

cultural humility

centre lived experience

continual journey

measure success

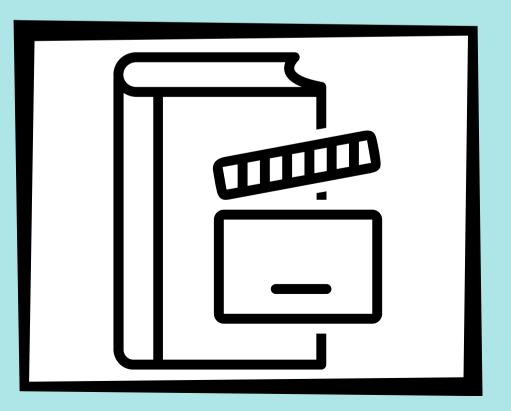
Transformational Ethical Story Telling (TEST) creates safer spaces for Story Holders, empowering them to create, curate and control their Stories, on their own terms.

TEST is an anti-oppressive framework which aims to flip the Story Telling balance of power, where each person's rights and needs - regardless of their race, ethnicity, language, age, gender, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, health, ability, economic status or background -must be respected.



What is a Story?

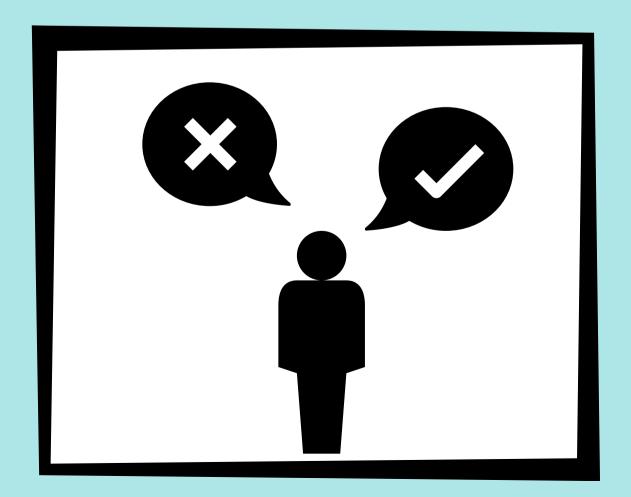
- A Story is an idea, action, imagination, experience or a combination set of these which are shared with defined or multiple audiences. They come in a variety of mediums and can be short (e.g. a tweet) through to long, extended forms (e.g. a novel - printed literature or film - audio and visual).
- Everywhere we look we can find a Story.
- A Story can tell raw truths and/or powerful untruths, regularly adding to or challenging the dominant, hegemonic narrative.
- A Story can share Culture. A Story can inform. A Story can connect us all.





Who is a Story Holder?

- Everyone can be a Story Holder.
- A Story Holder is a person with the lived experience- the owner of their Story.
- The Story Holder may choose to share their Story or not.
- When Story Holders speak about communities who have less power than themselves, they must not inflict harm or remove agency from these individuals or communities.





Who is a Story Teller?

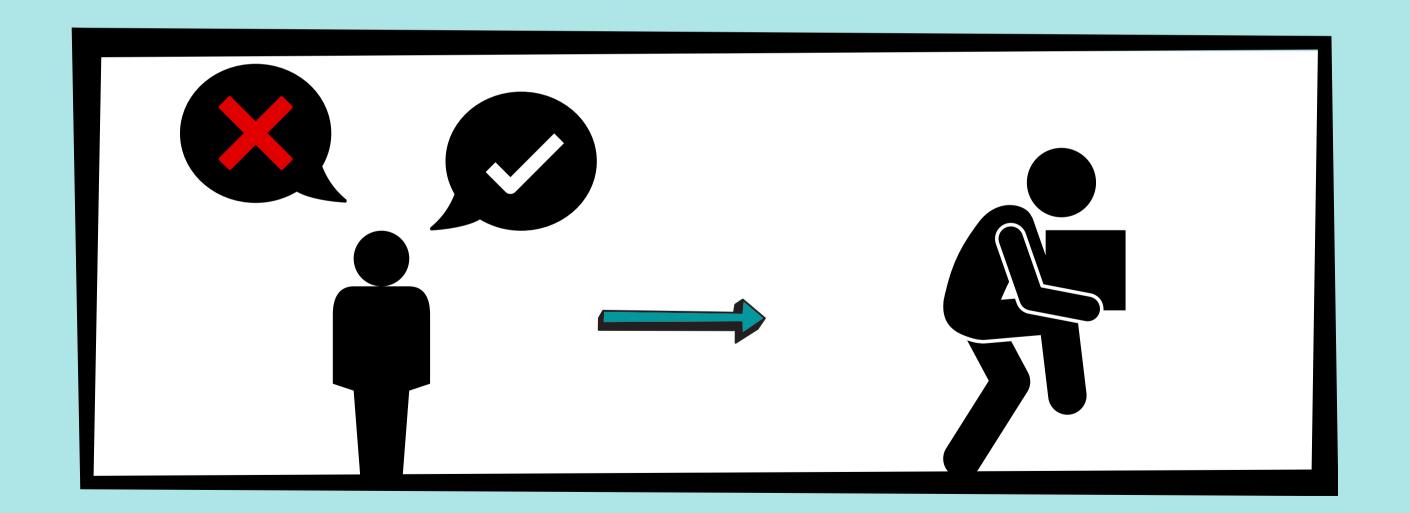
- A Story Teller is a person telling the Story Holders' Story.
- It may be the Story Holder themselves.
- It may also be an organisation, another person, a media company or anyone "authorised" to re-tell the Story.





Who is a Story Extractor?

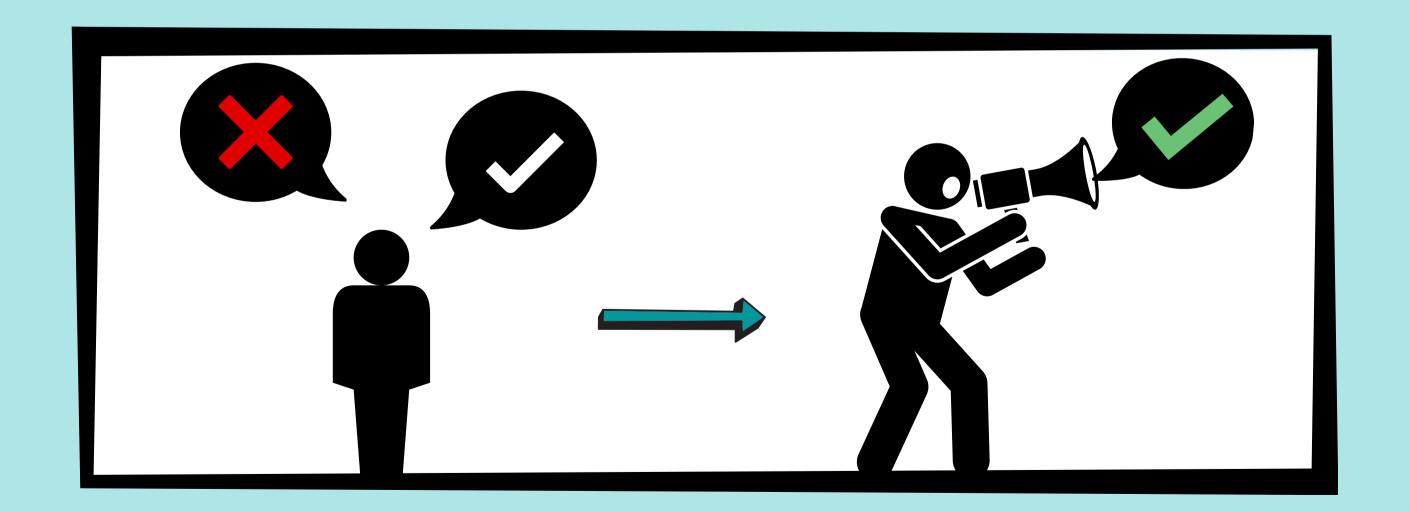
A Story Extractor is a person or organisation who takes a Story Holder's Story and uses it for their own benefit, without any concern for the Story Holders' creative control or ownership.





Who is a Story Interpreter?

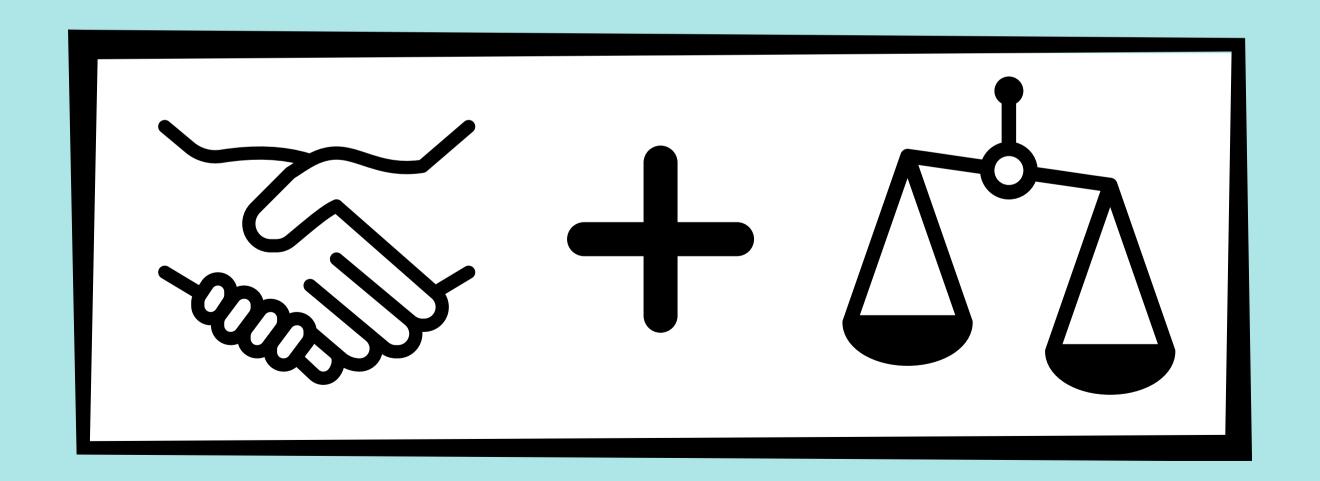
A Story Interpreter is a person or organisation that tells or creates a Story through their lens or the lens of their organisation without prioritising the Story Holders' creative control and ownership of their Story.





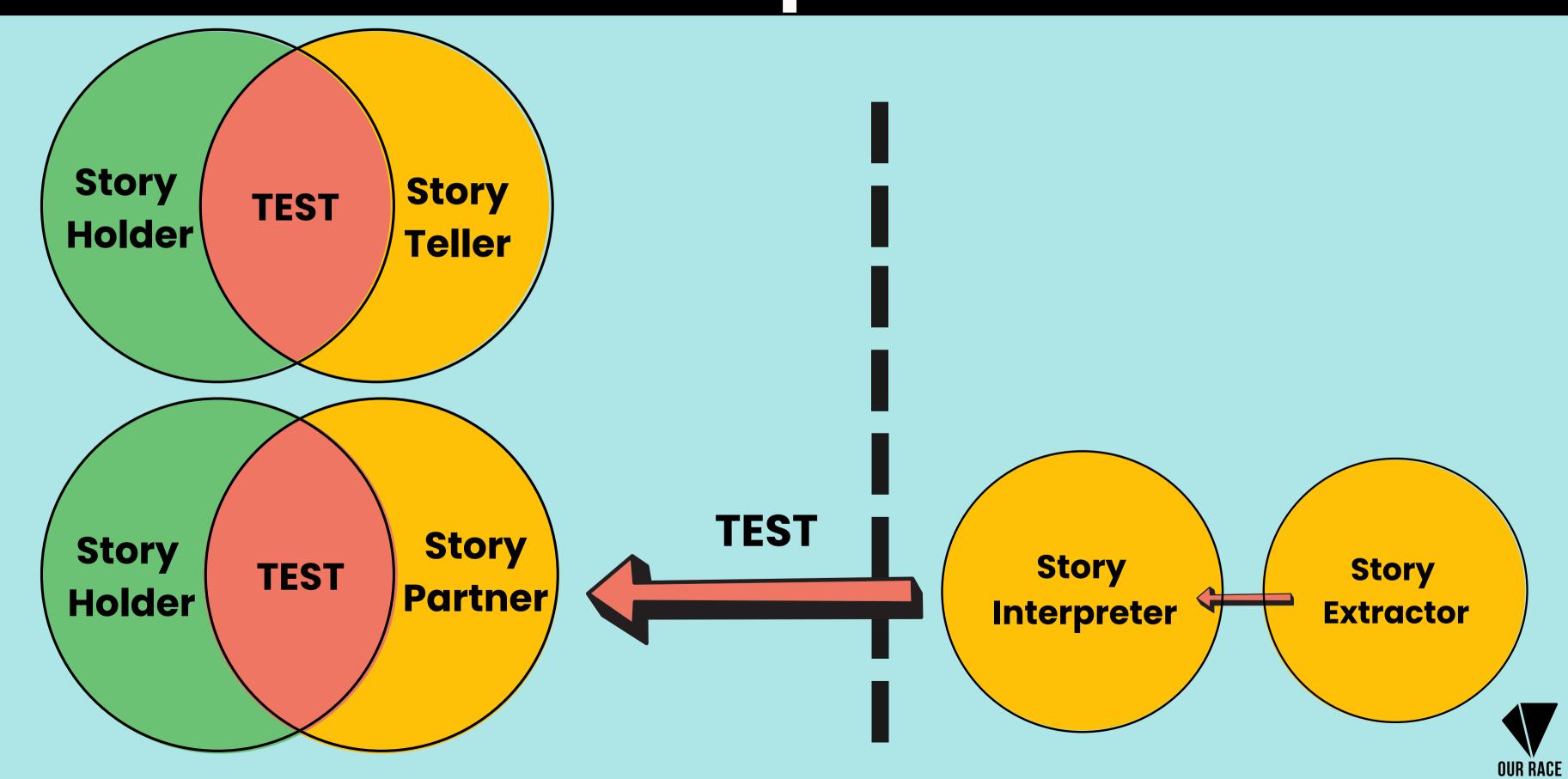
Who is a Story Partner?

A Story Partner is a person or organisation who engages a Story Holder to share their Story and commits to the Transformational Ethical Story Telling Principles.





TEST Space







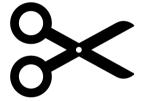
Directed by and/or told by those with more power



Consultation rather than collaboration



Time takes precedence over the potential impacts of the Story



The Story is edited without the Story Holder's input



Stories used as instruments/commodities



Obligation placed on the Story Holder





In each episode, comedian Harley Breen and four people from a marginalised group spend a week away in a holiday house. Harley then uses the experience and the stories they share, to perform a stand-up comedy routine – with his new friends as guest of honour in the front row. It's a show about laughing with people you really shouldn't be laughing at.

2019 Logie Nominee Most Outstanding Factual Documentary Program





Common issues with Story Telling





Stories individualise



Audience focused on the white saviour



Digestible narratives-"the right person" or "parts of a person"



Stories essentialise



Stereotyping and/or dehumanising-preset narratives



Not providing a safe space



Who owns copyright?

• Generally the "author" of the material

When does copyright protection arise?

- Material form
- · Original





Stereotyping



Repetitive Requests



Advertising and Media



Audience Expectations



Story Telling Power Imbalances/Ownership

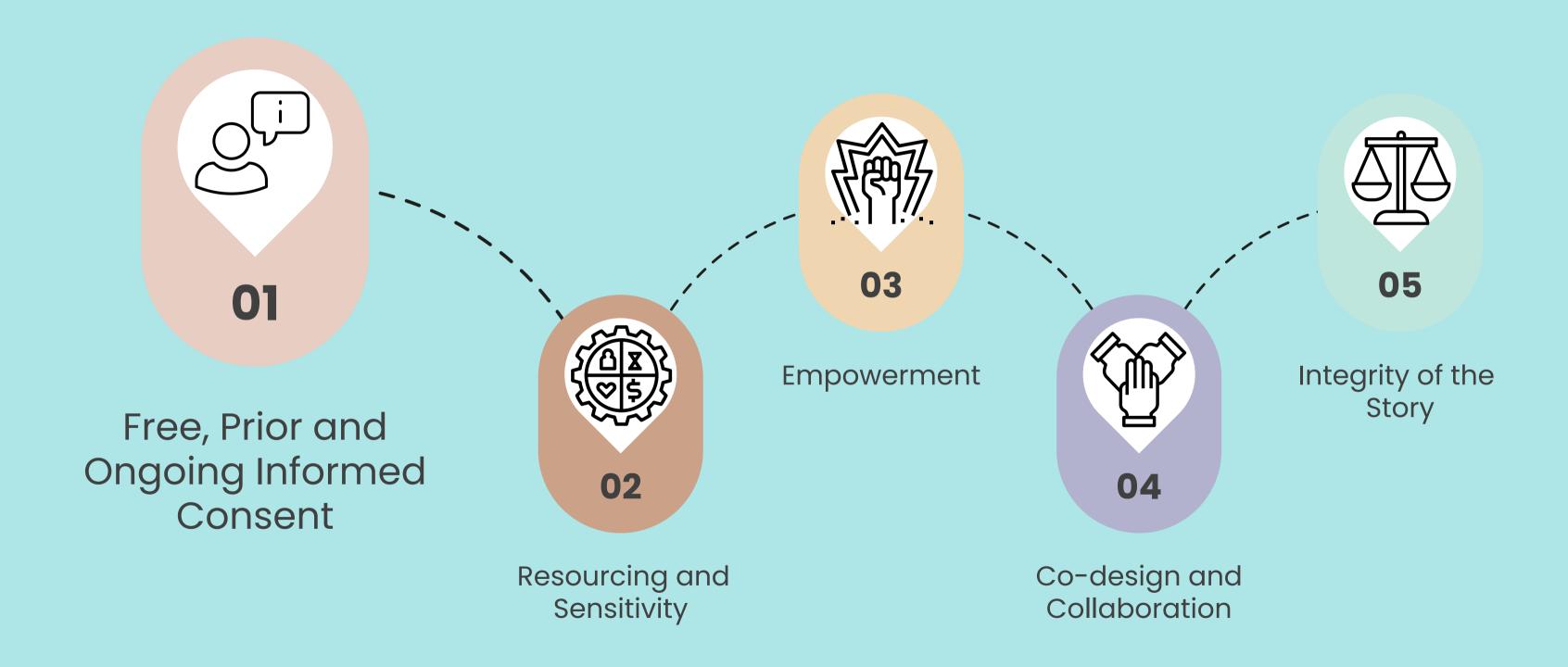
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Formulaic Story Telling Training





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What is standard 'Consent' practice?

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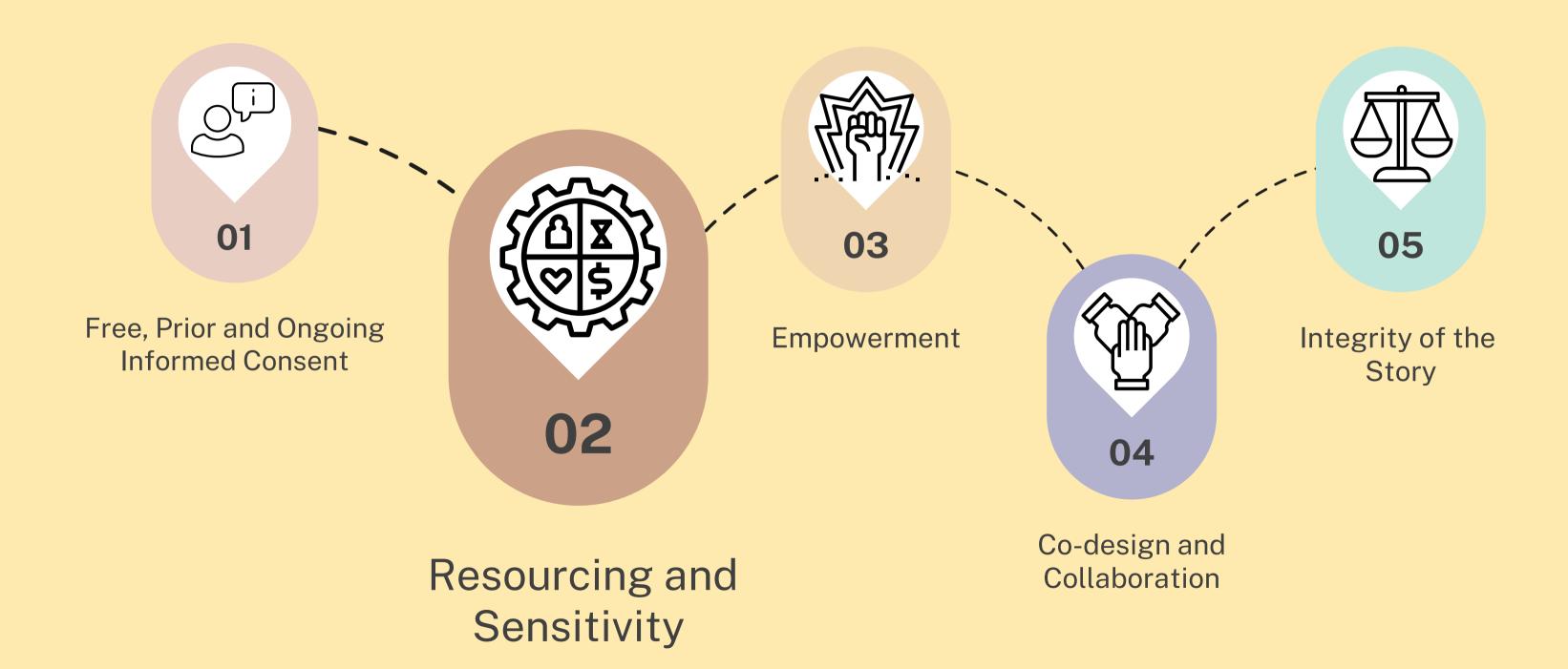


Engagement Question 1

How can you ensure Story Holders are central to your consent processes?

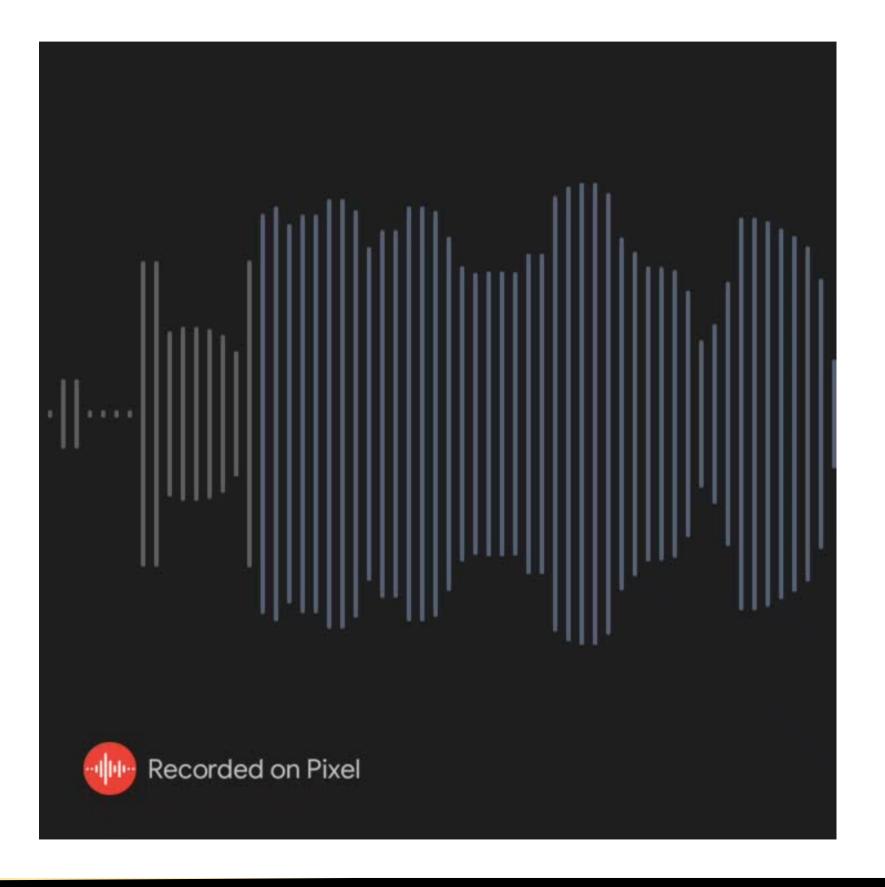


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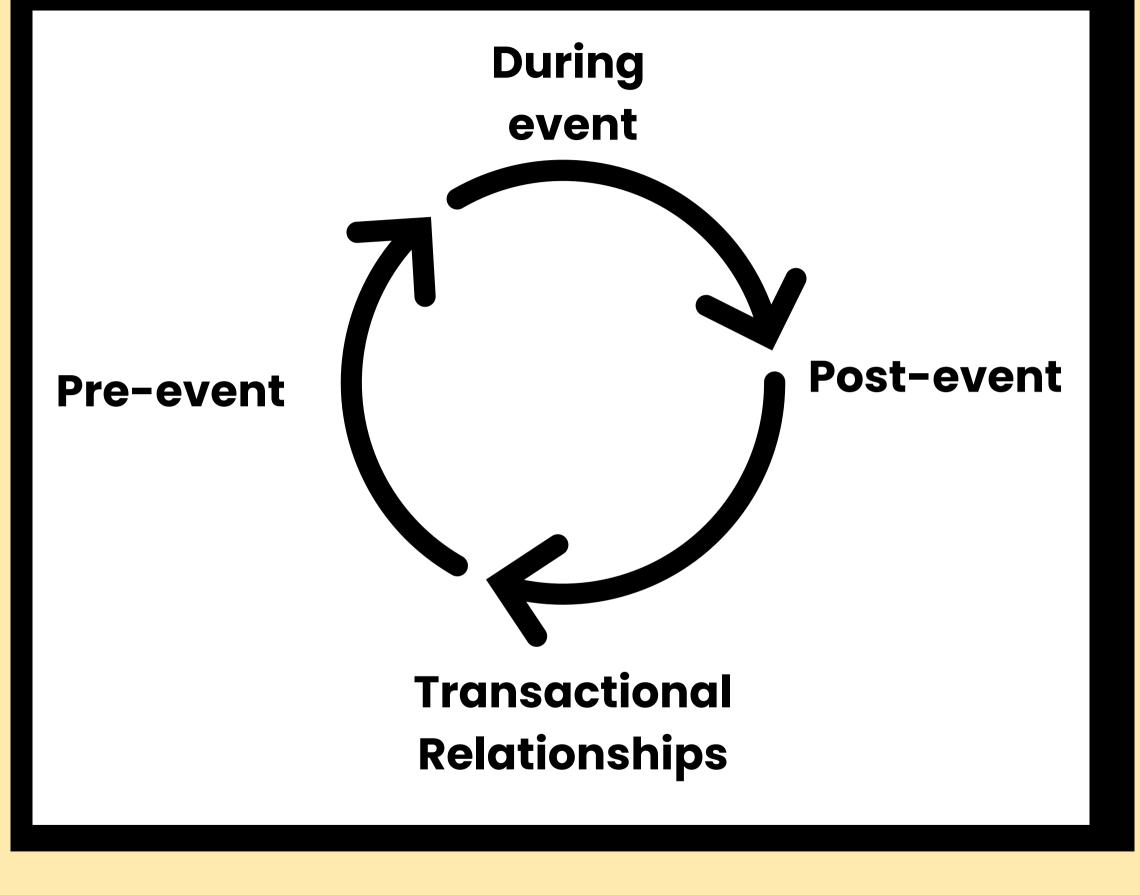




A walk in the shoes...







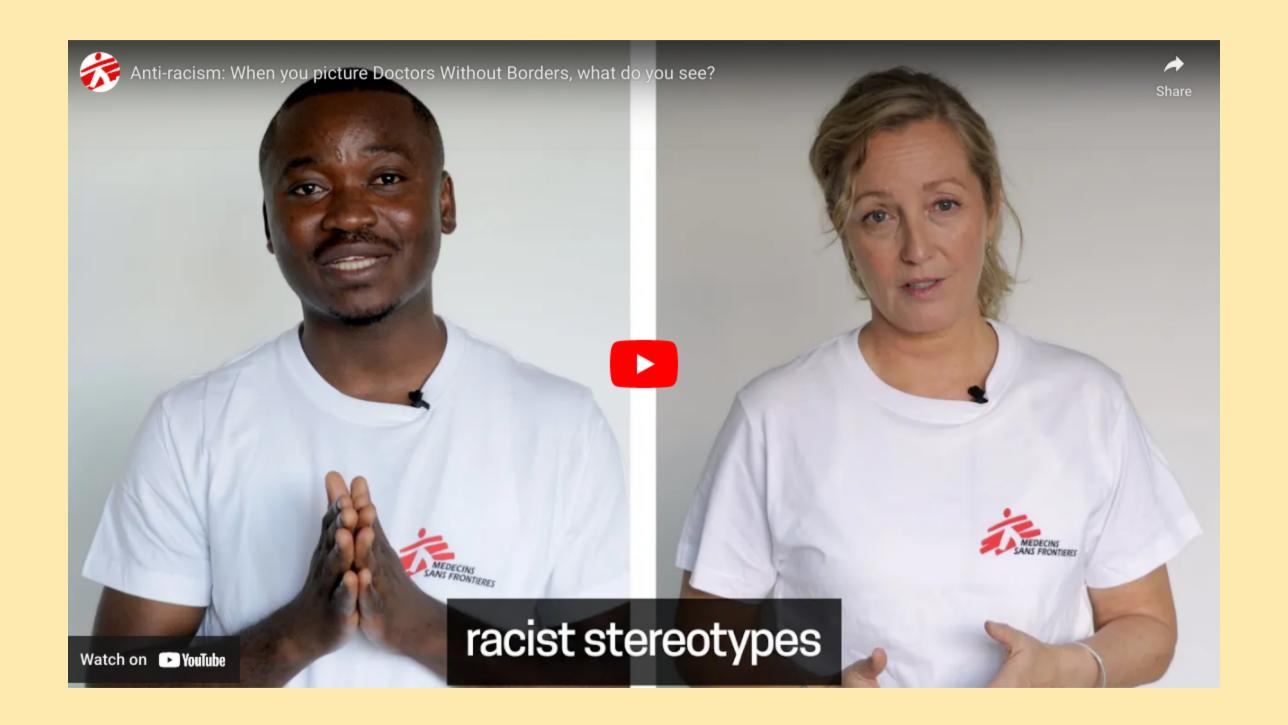




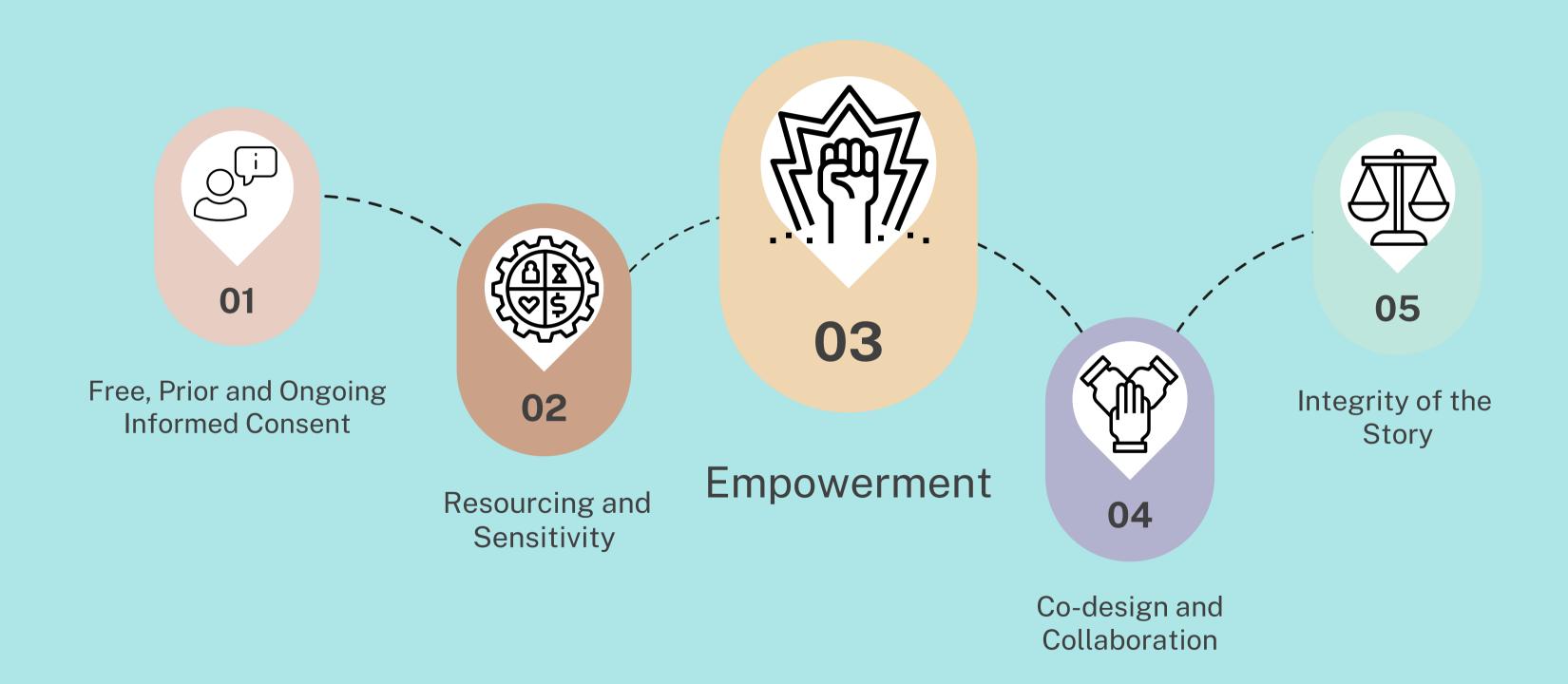
Engagement Question 2

How do you appropriately resource Story Holders' time and expertise?





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Who can talk for who?









Regular Story washing

Story Holders viewed as commodities







Corporate Activism or Rainbow Washing

Join the growing list of Corporate Australia supporting Marriage Equality.































Brand Ability





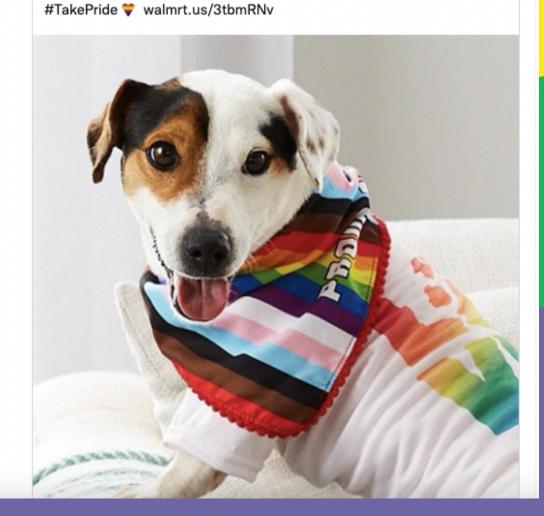




\$27,250 to state politicians behind anti-LGBTQ legislation

TOTAL: \$954,250

* Walmart @ @Walmart · Jun 2 In this fam, everyone shows off their pride. We feel #PetPride #PetMonth



Major corporate contributors to anti-LGBTQ politicians since 2021







\$1,163,025

\$1,052,000









\$954,250

\$843,400

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Contributions from 1/1/21 to 5/31/22 Source: Federal Election Commission, IRS, and state



Architects, not Objects



Muzafar Ali @MuzafAli · 11h

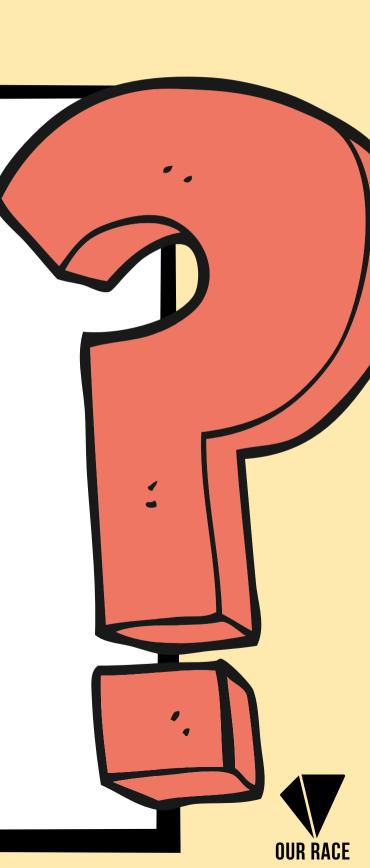
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Refugees are mostly considered and presented as numbers, and even financial opportunities for companies. Their agency, capabilities and emotions are overlooked. Sooner or later world has to hear refugees' voices as stakeholders and work with them.

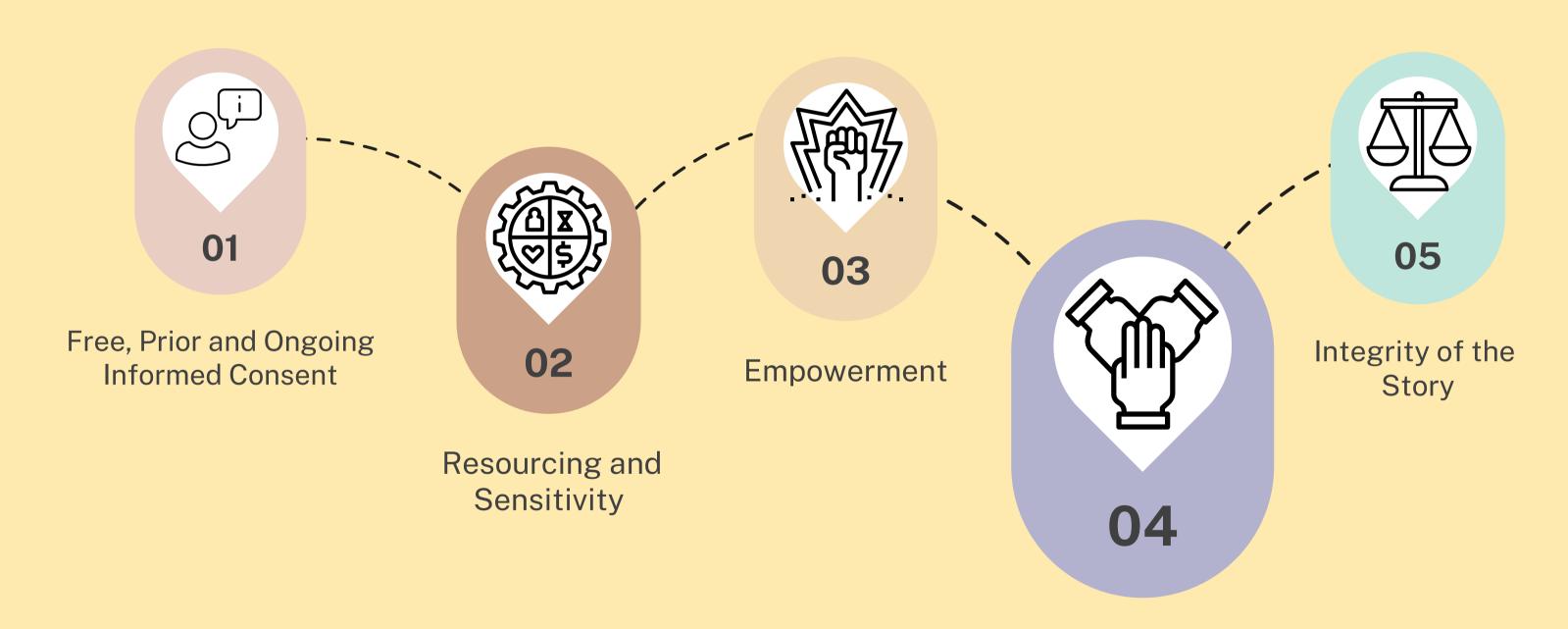


Engagement Question 3

How do you ensure Story
Holders have decision
making power?

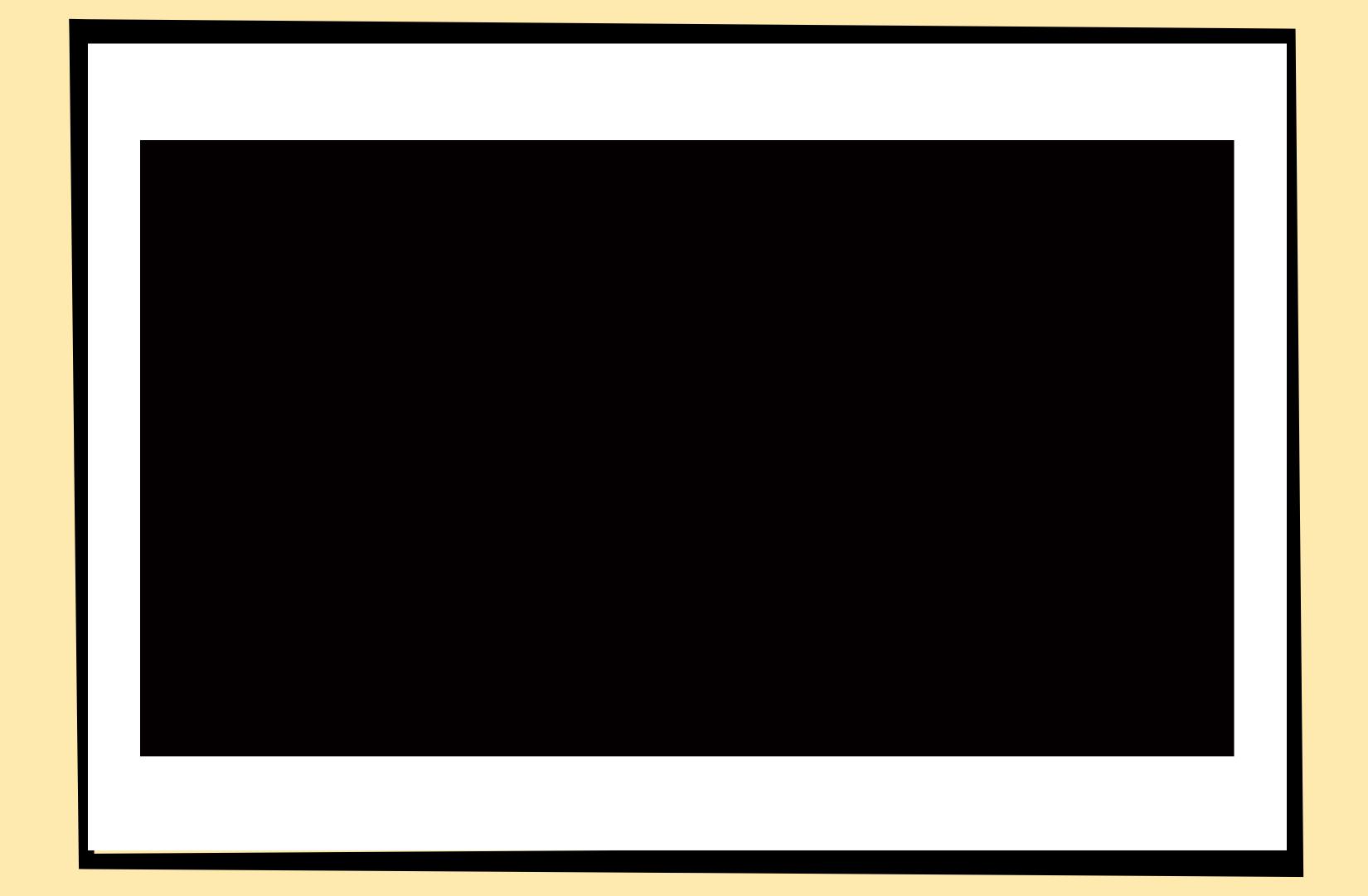


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Co-design and Collaboration









Story Holders

are
commodified to
achieve project
goals

Organisation requests for Story Holder "sign off"

Story Holder consultation for credibility

Story Holders' time and ideas not valued -'Tick and flick'





Consultation or Collaboration?



So there is apparently a new National Aboriginal Suicide prevention strategy being launched in a few days time, based on "extensive consultations with key stakeholders".

& Before anyone asks, there was zero consultation with me or my office during these extensive consultations.

10:32 AM · Oct 19, 2021 · Twitter for iPhone

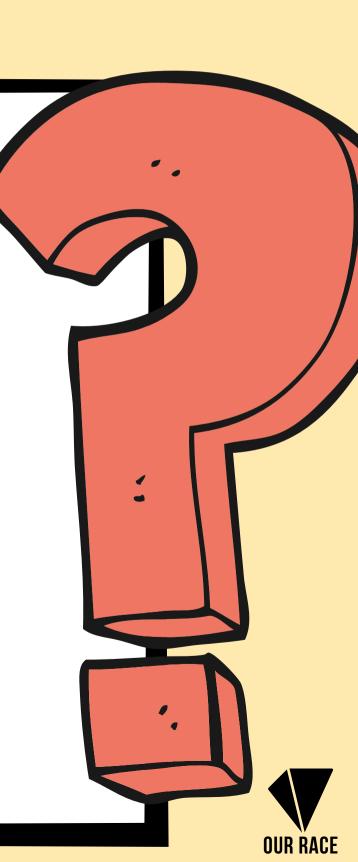
Dr Tracy Westerman AM,
Western Australia's
Australian of the Year for
2018

Recognised for spending over two decades working to reduce the burden of mental ill health and suicide in Aboriginal communities

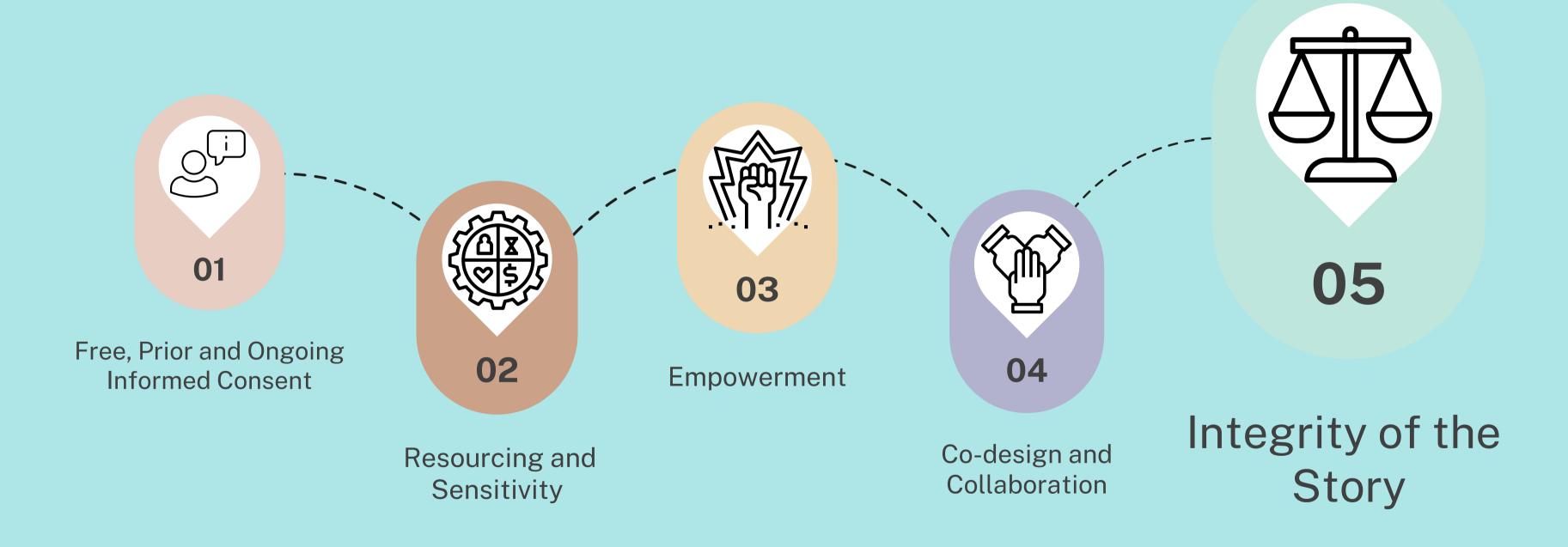


Engagement Question 4

How do you shift from a consultative to collaborative model?



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Editing = Erasure





"This is the first time in my life that I understood the definition of racism....Does that mean I have no value as an African Activist or the people form Africa have nobody at all"





Editing and interpretation limits or excludes Story Holders

Integrity of Stories compromised

Organisation owns all creative control and usage

Organisation creates a library for repurposing





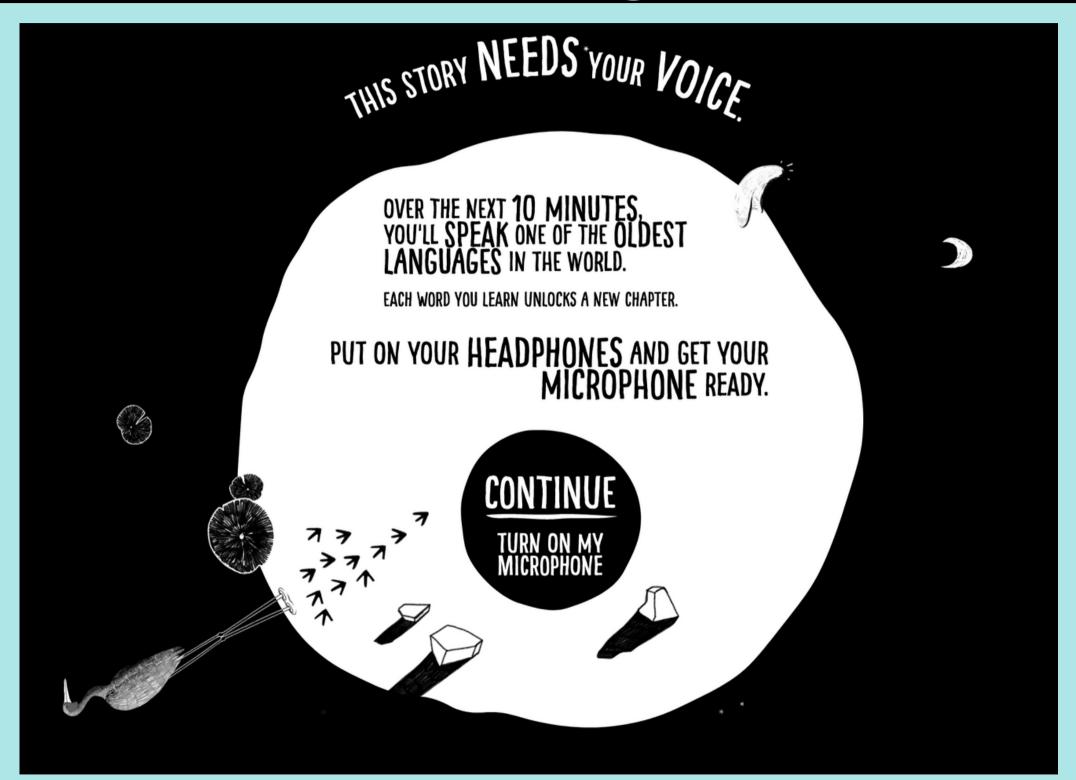
Engagement Question 5

How do you ensure Story integrity is maintained?



Powerful Story Telling

- 1.Ongoing conversations to ensure Angelina and the producer's motivations could be met.
- 2. Resources were provided to ensure the people's voices were captured in a sensitive way
- 3. The process and end result was empowering in preserving and educating Marra
- 4. First Nations perspectives included throughout the duration of the project
- 5.The Story maintained the key motivations becoming an educational resource



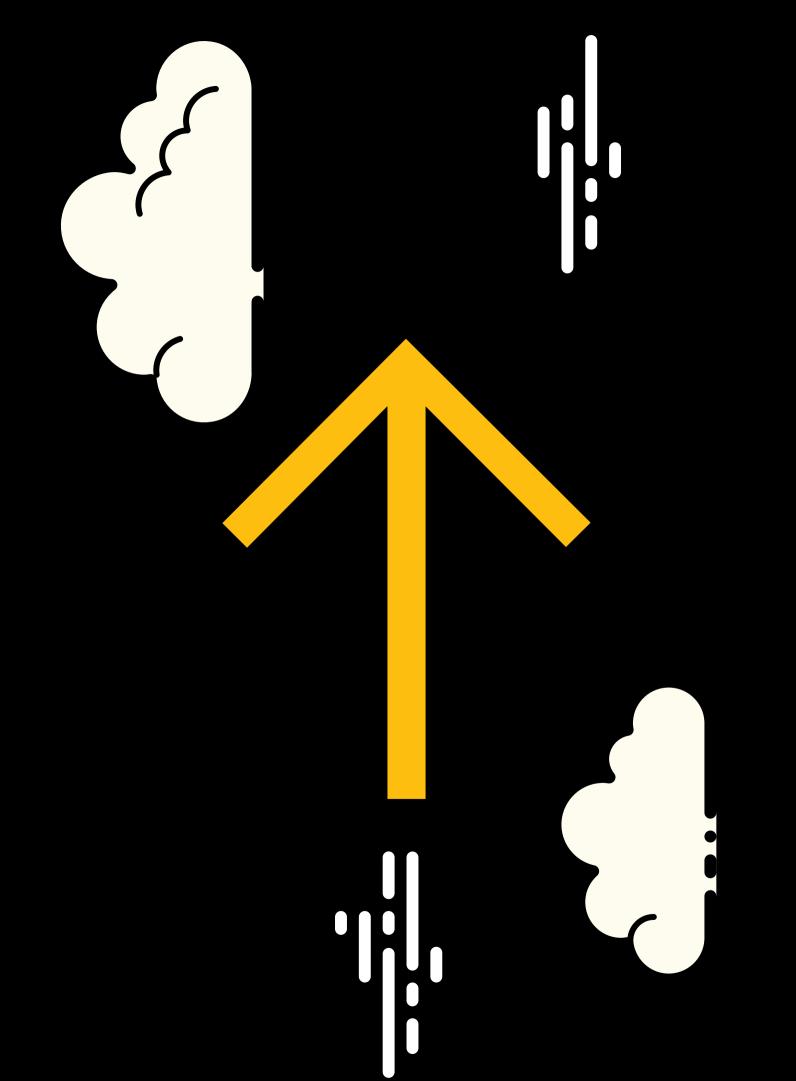
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Mama Hope- Multi-Layered Story Telling









Implementing TEST











Review and update your consent processes, ensuring Story Holders are empowered to advocate for their Stories

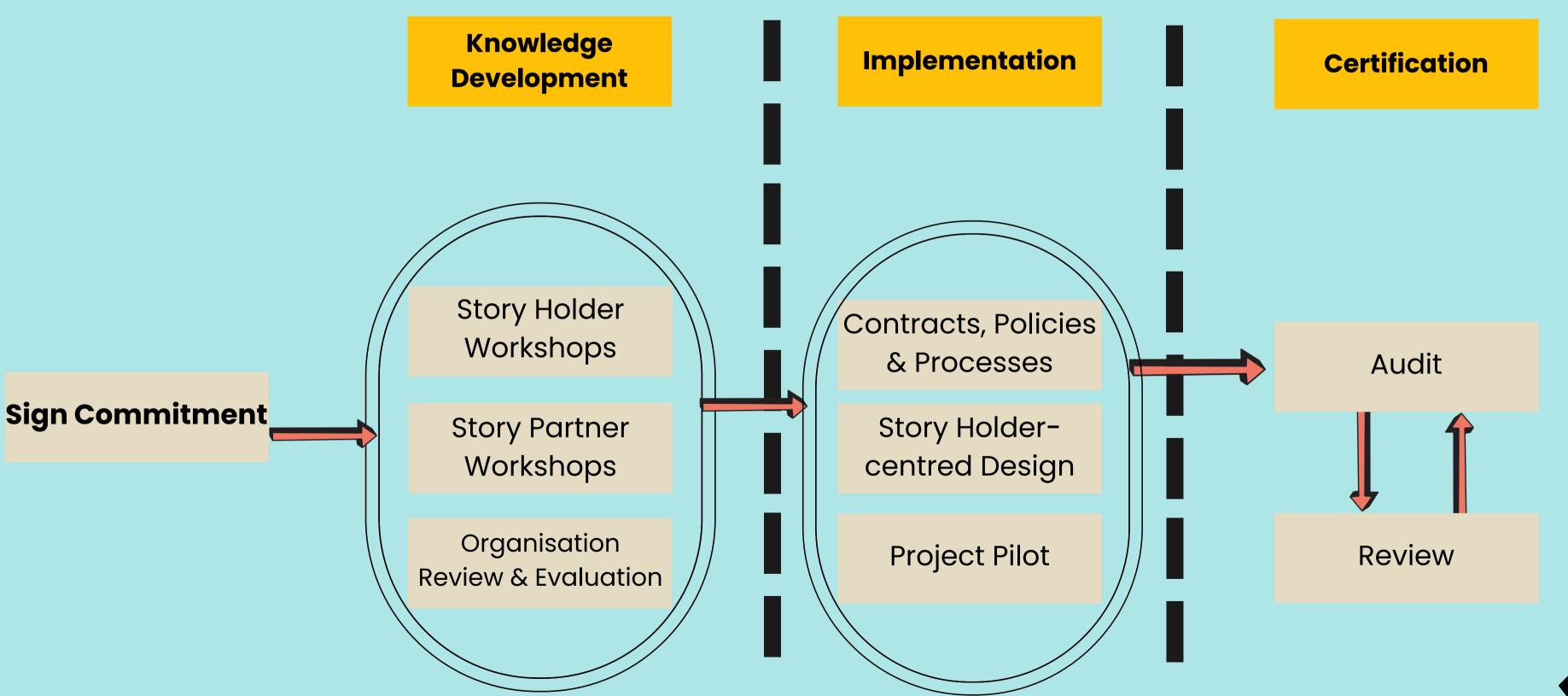
Review and update your Story Telling programs asking key questions of who and what is included and excluded

Review and update your Story Telling and community engagement practices

Review and update your community consultation process to make sure it is collaborative

Review and update your curation process to always respect Story Holders' lived experience

TEST Journey





FLIP THE POWER OF THE STORY

"I am not used to studying the subject as I am always seen to be the subject. By participating in Our Race workshops I feel more confident to navigate this space and control my own narrative, and tell my Story, my way."





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www.ourrace.com.au



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Our Race



